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NEWS OF THE WEEK

Russian War Front.

Slackening of the German offensive on the flanks after seventeen days' attack against Moscow was reported on Thursday. In the Volokolamsk direction there were strenuous engagments with the Soviet troops, and the situation is still serious in the Mojaisk direction. The Germans are trying to move eastward between the Volokolamsk and Mojaisk highway. The Germans are trying to take Tula at any cost and the fighting in that direction is growing in violence. The situation on the south western front is still dangerous owing to the German drive eastward from Oral.

The German plan to cut off Leningrad is reported to have failed and the German movement has been definitely stopped.

Finnish troops are reported to have occupied Hangoe.

Germans are now in full retreat from Taganrog to Marinpol.

Panse In Libya

There is a temporary pause in the Libyan operations. After nearly a fortnight's intensive fighting, the British attacking forces which have covered long distances require a brief interval for refitting tanks and regrouping formations whose dispositions have become confused in the fluid battle. nowstyled the "Battle of the Parallelogram."

Lease-And-Lend Aid To Turkey

President Roosevelt's Announcement

An official statement issued from Washington says that the President, having found the defence of Turkey vital to the defence of the United States, has directed that the needs of Turkey were to be filled as fast as possible. The announcement comes at a time when the President is sending Mr. Bullitt as his special representative to the Near East. Mr. Bullitt is expected to leave late this week. Just what kind of materials might go to Turkey is not disclosed.

There is no official information whether Turkey sought any aid nor is there any inkling that negotiations had been proceeding with Turkey. Meanwhile, the Turkish Ambassador has told the Press that he knew nothing of the President's action, which had not been preceded by any negotiations in which he participated.

Petain-Goering Agreement

It is learned on reliable authority in London that the Petain-Goering Agreement provides that Germany should receive all naval and air bases she required in North Africa on condition that she will occupy them herself without the assistance of the French Fleet.

MUSLIM'S CHARTER OF INDEPENDENCE

Pakistan Conference at Lucknow,

The Lucknow Pakistan Conference opened on Saturday night October 29 last in a specially erected *pandal* in Lalbagh Park which was packed to capacity, Nawab Sir Shah Nawaz Khan of Mamdot presided. Nearly 25,000 persons were present. Prominent among them were: Begum Muhammad Ali, the Raja of Mahmudabad, Nawab Muhammad Ismail Khan, Begum Habibullah, Mr. S. N. Nauman, Mr. M. Isa Khan, Maulana Abdul Hamid Badauni, Mr. Aziz Ahmad Khan, Mr Zahiruddin Farooqi, Nawab Jamshed Ali Khan, Chaudhri Khaliquzzaman, Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan, Maulana Hasrat Mohani and Syed Zakir Ali.

Chaudhari Khaliquzzaman read out the following message from Mr. M. A. Jinnah who was to inaugurate the Conference but could not make the journey due to ill-health :

"I fully realise the great importance of theConference. I am advised and feel myself that it will be dangerous for me to undertake the journey in the condition in which I am. I assure you that I would not have disappointed the historically and politically most important city in the province of U, P. if I could have managed to travel.

"The Muslim League is now strong enough to take care of itself. I have no doubt that your conference will be a magnificent success and perhaps another occasion will present itself at no distant date when I will have the honour to visit Lucknow.

Inaugural Address

Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan, inaugurating the Conference, said Pakistan meant the division of India into separate independent units where Hindus and Muslims ruled their own countries. The opponents of Pakistan first tried to ridicule the scheme. That failed to crush the movement and now they were theatening bloodshed if Muslims persisted in their demand,

Referring to Mr. Munshi's criticism of Pakistan, he said that Mr. Munshi had practised non-violence and truth for 20 years. But on resigning from the Congress he had forgotton both. He claimed that India was always a united country. Nothing could be further from historical truth. India was never united, its unity in times of Muslim and British rule was due to force.

He challenged Mr. Gandhi to suggest any method by which it could be determined whether the majority of Muslims were for Pakistan. But Mr. Gandhi should be also prepared to join hands with Muslims in securing for them Pakistan if it was found that the Muslim majority was in its favour.

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